

Arvind Kumar speech of 8 Oct 2015

My name is Arvind Kumar and I represent CAPEEM.

I am going to focus on the angle of legal discrimination.

I want to start off with a point about Africa and multiple cultures in the continent. We welcome such descriptions, but when Hindus make such requests, we are told that the Standards will not change. We will closely watch how you deal with Africa.

Similarly we will also watch how you rewrite the parts based on the Cold War.

If you can give yourself wiggle room for topics like the Cold War or Africa, there is no reason you cannot give similar leeway for Hinduism.

Other religions are treated as improvements over Hinduism which is clearly against the law. This issue was settled both during our lawsuit as well as when this department gave in to the request of Jewish groups and did not allow Christianity to be treated as an improvement over Judaism.

Jews, Christians, and Muslims were granted the request to use uppercase 'G' for God but lowercase 'g' is used for Hindus. There is no fix for this problem.

The draft is also in violation of the law that requires heroes, both men and women, from all cultures to be represented. Hinduism has been singled out when it comes to excluding heroes.

The framework seems to be crafted to help publishers maintain status quo.

All these problems need to be fixed. Otherwise you will be institutionalizing the teaching of hatred against Hindus.